



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**In re Application of**

Takeshi Kamio, et al.

**Serial No.:** 09/987,404

**Group Art Unit:** 1731

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**Examiner:** John M. Hoffman

**For:** METHOD FOR SINTERING POROUS-GLASS MATERIAL, AND METHOD FOR  
MANUFACTURING PREFORM AND OPTICAL FIBER

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 22, 2007, please amend the above-  
identified application as follows:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2  
of this paper. No new matter has been added.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.